MOLINEUX WRITES OF DEATH HOUSE.

"The Room with the Little Door" Is the Suggestive Title of the Work in Which He Describes His Terrible Experience.

Watched the Death Tragedy.

be the next to go.

"Poor Benjamin, you have the advantage of us now; while we are all worrying you are reposing in your bed—of quicklime."

Raps the District-Attorney.

His Pet Robbed the Death Chair.

"Fright," said the prison doctors, but when the day came for him to walk through the little door the man was dead. There were red spots on his face. He had died of crystpelas and Molineux thus tells what was discovered when they stripped his body for its winding sheet of quicklime:

"Over his breast were little scratches, deep as little teeth could make them (we have no pins in the death chamber) and flattened down on them and tightly bound lay the putrid remains

"As you lie in your cell (the drawn curtains make it resemble a little box) wide awake, you know that the last confession is being made, the last sacrament is being administered. "The Room with the Little Door," is the title of a book by Roland Burnham Molineux, soon to be issued from the presses of the G. W. Dillingham Company, which holds the copyright.

If you have ever been to Sing Sing of a visit or otherwise, you will know that "The Room with the Little Door" is the death chamber. The title indicates the nature of the book. It is a record of Molineux's personal impressions incident to his trial and imprisonment. Most of was written in the death-house. It faith is gloomy but clever, and full of fantastic views of the gruesome incidents of prison life. It has Poe-like touches of fancy, for Molineux was an educated man and he viewed the horrors of imprisonment with the grasp of an im-

A skilled writer might have made the book of a century out of the material Molineux had, but while unused to the pen he has achieved much more than could be expected of him. His point of view glways escapes the commonplace and he writes with surprising literary skill and ease in narration

The book is not a novel, but a series of impressions. It is divided into chapters, under the following headings The Room with the Little Door-A Forbidden Song-The Murderer's Home Journal-Fads-The Mayor of the Death Chamber-A Psychological Experiment-Me and Wife-Old John-Her Friend-Life-My Friend, the Mayor-A Dissertation on the Third Degree-It's Just Like Her-An Opinion on Expert Opinion-

Humor Lights the Pages. There are flashes of humor in these pages-humor of that ghoulish sort that men in the shadow are given to, the little flowers of hope that will even blossom on the vine of despair. There is poetry, too, some witty, some sarcastic The sentimental is avoided. And there are bits of writing that will command serious attention. There is an attack on the methods of the office of the District-Attorney of New York and a chapter on Expert Opinion, in which Molineux re-

veals his clear grasp of the law as applied to his own and similar cases. The most interesting chapter of the The most interesting chapter of the book is entitled "Impressions." It is divided into two parts, "The Last Night" and "The Next Morning," and it describes the feelings of the men in the death house when one of their number goes out to die. Minutely the traditional customs of the death house, the songs, the farewells, the distributions of the victim's tokens are narrated. Then the deep silence of the night and the awful solemnity of the morning.

They Are Glad to Die.

Molineux writes:
"You will read that 'the man was indifferent.' I tell you he was glad to
go. 'That he made no trouble.' Why

of verse he culls from the prison poets:

"Our horror, how we are afflicted by cour companion's death. As a matter of fact we envy him.

"Anything, anything is better than existence in the death chamber.

"During the night, if you have lain awake, and one has been known to be so foolish, you might have felt a very slight vibration—perhaps it is imagination, perhaps it is the dynamo.

"If you have slept and do not hear the death watch draw down the curtains in front of all the cells when the night outside turns gray, you will surely be awakened by the noise of many feet. It is the priests who have entered. Their ordinary shoes on the flagging of the corridor sound like thunder, thunder moving away—now it subsides to the "The chanter "Me and Wife" tells of Mrs. Molleyu, and it is word it is ordinary "Me and wife" tells of Mrs. Molleyu, and it is word it is soft. "The Forbidden Song" is a nathetic sketch of the entertainment of a victim the night before his death. He tells of the songs and quips and of the song that us forbidden in the death house. It is "Home, Sweet Home."

The chapter "Me and Wife" tells of Mrs. Molineux, and it is said there are hints in it of certain things that have come out since his liberation, but it also intimates that this chapter may be revised or entirely omitted before the

MRS. MOLINEUX

Divorce Application Is Based on Fact that Husband Had Her Watched While He Was in Prison.

CALLED CRUEL TREATMENT.

STOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 5 .- Mrs. Blanche Molineux does rot deny the report sent out from here that the hiring of detectives to watch her after her husband's confinement in the death house at Sing Sing constitutes the ground on which she will base her ap pileation for divorce. Mrs. Molineux is not making any ad-

missions, but she broke her usual cus-

tom to-day and received the newspa-per men, heard their statement regarding the reported basis of her suit, and said, "I must decline to discuss it." As the story goes, the complaint in the coming suit has already been prepared by Mrs. Molineux's lawyers, and it will allege that Roland B. Molineux, while in prison, employed detectives to shadow her movements and by his distrust of her caused great mental suffering and so was guilty of cruel and

inhuman treatment, The complaint, it is further said, will recite that during the second year of Molineux's incarceration, his wife quarrelled with the members of his famfly and during the two years following Molineux was distrustful, had her watched and in other ways annoyed her

by his emissaries. It will be remembered that Mrs. Molineux after her arrival here gave out a statement for publication in which she intimated that the mental torture to which her husband had subjected her was sufficient excuse for her wishing a separation. She did not specify at the time in what this mental affliction congisted, but the inference then was that she spoke of the humiliation of being the wife of a condemned criminal. It would appear now that she was refer-ring to the mental suffering consequent upon her being suspected and shadowed

To Name a Federal Judge. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.-The Presient has decided to appoint A. B. Anson, of Crawfordsville, Ind., United tes District Judge to succeed John ter, who recently resigned.

Up All Night.



This getting up every night with the baby, or some of the older children, is all wrong.

Watched the Death Tragedy.

"This is another reason why no breakfast is given to the traveller. I saw it all one morning. The curtain was not quite down to the floor.

"I made myself as flat as possible; I saw the priest kiss him; hold up the cross before his eyes; bid him have faith and then back out of the cell.

"He who is soon to be 'It' follows.
"Then I heard the little procession march rapidly into the next room.

"What happens in there and how it felt three minutes later I cannot relyyou—but I came very near finding out.

"Will you believe me, that this day is a long one?
"You fellows outside can do much to Not that the children are to blame. If he's the baby, probably his food is wrong. Vinol will help his mother stand the strain of nursing.

We have often seen whole families of older children who "You fellows outside can do much to livert the mind from disagreeable hought; we have breakfast and sit lown to wonder which one of us will other is ailing.

> These children seem well enough at times; but they are white, hollow-eyed, often list-

In his chapter on "The Third Degree" Molineux refers to the District-Attorney's office, then in charge of Col. Asa Bird Gardiner. In this fashion:

"Consistency is a jewel—a rare one in xthe Criminal Court, County of New York, for after all this fuss and expenditure the good lady who held the office of District-Attorney dared not try the case, but left it to his successor."

Molineux, in describing the death chamber, says: "It is very light in the death chamber—glass skylights by day and gas and electric lights by night throw beams of light in every corner of our cages of steel and stone. Guards nace up and down night and day, always watching. There is no sound while they do this, as their shoes, like ours, are soled with felt. It is like living and eating and sleeping and bathing in a searchlight. It is like living and eating and sleeping and bathing in a searchlight. It is like being allve, but burled in a glass coffin."

The gruesome story of a death-house companion, "The Professor" he was called, is well told. This man found a mouse in his cell. He coaxed it until he made it a friend. He had a farsighted purpose. Finally the shadow fell and his death came nearer. The Professor fell ill.

His Pet Robbed the Death Chair.

For Everybody.

To be (fitted) or not to be? There's the "rub" in shoe ouying.

Der) and flattened down on them and tightly bound lay the putrid remains of the little dead mouse."

The humor of the book creeps out in the chapter entitled "The Murderers' Home Journal." which is an account of a paper edited and issued by the inmates of the death house. Molineux was editor-in-chief. Here are two bits of verse he culls from the prison poets: Absolutely safe of being fitted with the Coward Shoe Take big chances with any other make.

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hints in it of certain things that have come out since his liberation, but it also first that this chapter may be revised or entirely omitted before the The dedication of the book is as follows: "The dedication of the book is as follows: "To my father, Gen. Edward Leslie Molineux, with reverence."

By way of preface he writes: "The following waifs are products of my imagination: little stories that came into my mind from time to time. Some while I was continue in the moles of the some prison, in New York City, and of moles prison, in New York City, and for the came the came while I was continued in the death chamber at Sing Sing.

"In them I have not inflicted myself to any great extent upon the reader. Herein is chiefly what I saw when trying to look upon the bright ide, They are also made bright, look at it as look and the dearth of the control to the control to

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